



## King County

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February 1, 2010

The Honorable Bob Ferguson  
Chair, King County Council  
Room 1200  
C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember Ferguson:

I am pleased to submit to you the 2009 King County Climate Report. This report is the third annual report on implementation of the 2007 King County Climate Plan. The report complies with Executive Orders on Global Warming Preparedness PUT 7-5 through 7-8 and King County Council Motion 12362 which require an annual reporting of progress to the Executive and that a summary report be transmitted by the Executive to County Council by February, 1, 2010.

Climate change is already affecting our community and will have increasing impacts in the coming years. The measures the Executive and County Council have taken over the past several years have established a solid foundation in mitigating our region's contribution to climate change and in preparing for climate change impacts such as sea level rise and increased flood risk. The Climate Report outlines 2009 progress and 2010 plans in four key areas: leadership, mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions, adaptation to prepare for the impacts of climate change, and assessment.

The report shows the collaboration taking place inside King County government between divisions and departments. The Interdepartmental Climate Team's efforts have been critical in furthering the county's progress. This is exemplified by the attainment of more than \$75 million in climate and energy related grants that are projected to create more than 80 new green jobs.

In the coming year, King County will continue its focus on those programs that address the major sources of greenhouse gas emissions in this region, transportation and fossil fuel combustion. We will also work to make sure that our efforts are meaningful and address the long term needs of King County. These will lead to greater energy efficiency and improved transportation and sustainable housing options. King County will continue to promote and develop regional partnerships with other local governments, energy utilities, the development community, and the public so that we can implement the most effective solutions to the climate change challenge.

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I look forward to our continued cooperation in this ongoing effort. If you have any questions regarding the Climate Plan or the Climate Report, please contact Bob Burns, Deputy Director of the Department of Natural Resources and Parks, at 206-263-6296, or Harold Taniguchi, Director of the Department of Transportation, at 206-684-1441.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dow Constantine", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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King County Executive

Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

ATTN: Tom Bristow, Chief of Staff

Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Toni Rezab, Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget

Bob Burns, Deputy Director, Department of Natural Resources and Parks

Stephanie Warden, Director, Department of Development and Environmental Services

Harold Taniguchi, Director, Department of Transportation

Dr. David Fleming, Director, Seattle-King County Department of Public Health

Bob Cowan, Acting County Administrative Officer, Department of Executive Services